



State Representative
Larry Cafero

Working for Norwalk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you can take the time to review some of the important developments that took place over the last year in Hartford that have a direct effect on our Norwalk community. I have made enhancing our schools, making our street safer and protecting our environment the hallmarks of my legislative agenda.

Acting on those principles will make Norwalk, and the state of Connecticut a better place.

I take seriously the trust that you have placed in me as your elected representative in Hartford. As always, I look to you for your guidance to help me be the strongest advocate possible for all of Norwalk. As House Leader for the last two years, I have had the opportunity to deliver for Norwalk. I believe we have made great strides.

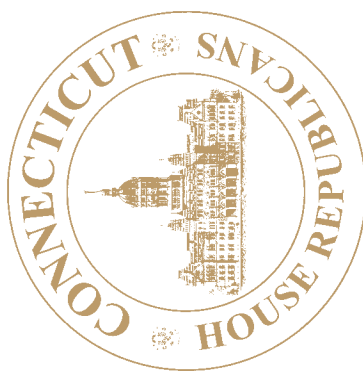
I appreciate any comments or suggestions that you can make so that I can do my job better on your behalf.

Sincerely,



Former Norwalk High School Athletic Director Pat Spinola, wife Patty and granddaughter Amy are introduced on the floor of the state House of Representatives in Hartford.

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NORWALK 2008 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Fighting For Norwalk's Interests...



During the 2008 legislative session, my colleagues and I worked to restrain state spending and hold down taxes to help keep families, jobs and seniors in Connecticut. I have consistently maintained that it is our responsibility as your elected officials to help make Connecticut safer and more affordable.

EDUCATION, BUDGET: School Funding

- ★ We continued to propose ways to streamline government.
- ★ Working with Governor Rell, we provided an additional \$1.5 million in education aid to bolster Norwalk's schools.
- ★ Our budget proposal would have saved enough in state payroll and other areas to restore the more than \$1 million for the Early Reading Success program in Norwalk that benefits thousands of students from grades kindergarten through third grade.
- ★ As Norwalk school system's expulsion hearing officer, I see first hand the need to make positive interventions in our young peoples' lives so that they have the best opportunities possible.

VETERANS: Recognizing their Service

- ★ Some benefits to veterans will be improved, and Gold Star license plates will be issued free of charge to family members to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. "Support our Troops" plates also will be issued.

ENERGY: Some Energy Relief

- ★ We were the first to propose eliminating the scheduled increase in gas tax and persuaded our colleagues to join in the effort.

NORWALK LOCAL PROJECTS:

- ★ Norwalk YMCA \$350,000 state grant
- ★ Oyster Shell Park study \$375,000
- ★ High School Marching Bear uniforms \$10,000
- ★ Norwalk Harbor dredging \$1,000,000
- ★ West Norwalk Association Chapel \$10,000
- ★ Norwalk High marquee \$20,000
- ★ Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center
- ★ Authored the Five Mile River flood study
- ★ Negotiated preservation of the White Barn Theater property among five separate entities

SENIORS: Home Care for the Elderly

- ★ An important new law allows up to 5,000 Connecticut elderly and disabled to receive long-term care in their homes without having to go into a nursing home. This is more desirable and more cost effective.
- ★ We proposed exempting pensions from state income taxes to keep retirees in Connecticut.

TRANSPORTATION: Merritt Parkway

- ★ I spearheaded the local effort to convince state officials to modify the planned Rte.7-Merritt Parkway interchange to have the least impact on the Silvermine neighborhood and surrounding wetlands and woodlands. State DOT officials heard from hundreds of Norwalk residents about their concerns.

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